

Silver Star
AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING Vietnam War
Service: Army
RANK: Captain
GENERAL ORDERS:
Permanent Order 272-08 (September 28, 2012)



CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by an act of July 25, 1963), takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain (Infantry) William L. Albracht, United States Army, for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed force while serving with Detachment A-236, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, in the Republic of Vietnam. Captain Albracht distinguished himself on 2 November 1969, while serving as an Advisor to Vietnamese forces at Camp Bu Prang, in the Republic of Vietnam. That night enemy elements launched an intense mortar and recoilless rifle attack upon the Vietnamese outpost. Although his bunker was the direct target of hostile recoilless rifle fire, Captain Albracht held his position, detected the launching site of the enemy gunners, and returned fire on them with his machine gun. After silencing the recoilless rifle, Captain Albracht left his bunker and took up a position completely exposed to hostile fire and from there adjusted artillery and tactical air strikes on the adversary's positions. Amid barrages of B-40 rockets, Captain Albracht continued to direct and coordinate friendly fire on the attackers until the cessation of hostilities. Captain Albracht's gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.